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For : DEVICE FOR PRODUCING A HOT-ROLLED THERMAL  
STRIP, ESPECIALLY MADE OF STRIP-TYPE  
CONTINUOUS CASTING MATERIAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the claims as follows: